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Lieutenant General Geoffrey Keyes
Director
Weapons Systems Evaluation Group
Office of the Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear General Keyes:

In response to the request contained in your letter dated October 13, 1952, we are proposing to the Intelligence Advisory Committee the initiation of a special estimate covering the minimum annual civilian petroleum requirements of the USSR and Satellites in the event of a general war in 1954, with tentative date of completion on or before December 15, 1952.

As you doubtless know, the Director of Central Intelligence and, through him, the Intelligence Advisory Committee are responsible to the National Security Council and the time of the IAC estimators is largely occupied with priority tasks set by the Council. While we are glad to assist agencies of the Department of Defense by furnishing intelligence which transcends the capabilities of any single department or agency, our acceptance of such requirements must be understood to be subject to priority tasks which may be set by the National Security Council.

Sincerely,

SIGNED:

WALTER B. SMITH
Director

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Longhand note added by DCI:

"Jeff - I think we have a lot of data on this already, so it won't take/long as if we started from scratch. WBS"